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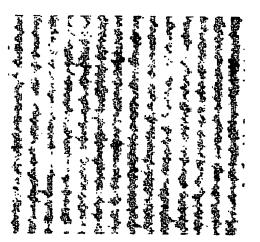
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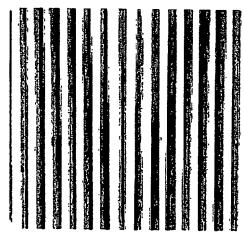
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(57) Abstract: Composite polymer/liquid crystal material having a holographic grating structure formed by an alternating ordered succession d crystal layers. The nematic liquid crystal manophase region which is substantially free from furthermore, the holographic grating structure is comprises the steps of: -heating a mixture of a photoinitiator, a monomer Composite polymer/liquid crystal material having a holographic grating structure of polymer layers and nematic liqui layers comprise an ordered nematic liquid crystal droplets. obtained by a process which above the nematic/isotropic phase phase separation -illumination of -tion; -slow cooling of transition and a nematic liquid crystal and the temperature, in order to prevent isotropic/nematic phase transition of the liquid crystal; mixture at a rate lower than 0,3°C/mixture, to achieve a mixture with an interference pattern to induce polymerisa the complete orientation of the liquid crystal director, and below the isotropic/nematic transition temperature.



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